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In the Application of:

VINAY G. SAKHRANI, ET AL.

DOCKET NO.: TFR-001

APPLICATION NO.: 10/791,542

GROUP ART UNIT: 1762

FILED: MARCH 2, 2004

EXAMINER: MARIANNE PADGETT

FOR: IMPROVED ARTICLE WITH LUBRICATED SURFACE AND METHOD

PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the January 3, 2006 Office Communication (copy attached), Applicants respectfully submit the enclosed Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time. The total fee due for the four-month extension is \$795 (small entity status). The Applicants previously paid \$60. Therefore, the enclosed check is for \$735, which is the remainder of the current fee due. No additional fees are believed due.

Respectfully submitted,

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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | Docket Number (Optional) |
| FY 2005 <i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i> | | TFR-001 |
| Application Number | 10/791,542 | Filed March 2, 2004 |
| For Article with Lubricated Surface and Method | | |
| Art Unit | 1762 | Examiner M. Padgett |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

| | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120 | \$60 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$450 | \$225 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020 | \$510 | \$ _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1590 | \$795 | \$ 795 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2160 | \$1080 | \$ _____ |

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. A check for \$735 is enclosed.
 Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. Applicant has already paid \$60
- The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to
 Deposit Account Number _____ I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form.
Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

I am the applicant/inventor.

- assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).
- attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 53,014
- attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____

Signature _____ Date _____

David P. Hendricks _____ **919-831-1845**
Typed or printed name _____ Telephone Number _____

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

Total of 1 forms are submitted.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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NOTICE REQUIRING EXTENSION OF TIME FEE

No New Time Period is Provided

Applicant's reply to the Office Action mailed on 10/12/05 was received in the Office on 12/12/05, which is after the expiration of the period for reply set in the Office action. The time period for reply continues to run from the mailing date of the Office action. This application will become ABANDONED unless applicant obtains an extension of time by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) accompanied by the appropriate fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)-(5) within the maximum extendable time period for reply (e.g., six months for a reply to a non-final rejection).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee due. The expiration of the time period is determined by the amount of the fee paid. In no case may an applicant reply later than the maximum period of SIX (6) MONTHS statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action.

1. The appropriate extension of time fee is missing.
2. The extension of time fee submitted is insufficient.
3. The funds in Deposit Account No. _____ are insufficient to cover the entire fee due. The balance is due within the time period set forth in this notice. See note below regarding the appropriate service charge.
4. The Credit Card payment to cover the entire fee due to Account _____ (**Card type + last 4 digits ONLY**) was refused. The balance is due within the time period set forth in this notice. See note below regarding the appropriate service charge.
5. Other.

Explanation (Provide specific details of the required correction in order to assist the applicant. Indicate whether a service charge has been added to the fee due):

1 month extension of time is required - \$160

THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE(S) DUE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, GENERALLY ON OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR (37 CFR 1.17 & 1.21). THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE(S) DUE IS DETERMINED AS OF THE DATE A COMPLETE REPLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE(S) IS RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE (37 CFR 1.8 & 1.10). BECAUSE THE AMOUNT DUE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT APPLICANT CHECK THE CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON THE USPTO'S WEBSITE AT: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/qs/ope/fees.htm>

Service Charges: There is a \$50 service charge for processing each payment refused (including a check returned "unpaid") or charged back by a financial institution (37 CFR 1.21(m)). There is a \$25.00 service charge for each month when the balance of a deposit account is below \$1000 at the end of the month (37 CFR 1.21(b)(2)).

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Technical Support Staff (TSS)

Note to TSS: Please do NOT use this notice if the application is under a final rejection.